

HOUSE RESOLUTION 306
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to commend Michelle Johnson for her exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Johnson is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the House Agriculture Committee and its Chairman, Representative Gene Davidson, its Vice Chairman, Representative Stratton Bone, and its Secretary, Representative Willie "Butch" Borchert; Michelle's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a self-described "Army brat," Ms. Johnson is a student at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she is highly regarded by her peers; Ms. Johnson has achieved academic success, earning summa cum laude graduation honors, while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Michelle gained induction into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and was listed on the Dean's List during her tenure at the University of Tennessee; a natural and adept leader, she stood as President, Vice President, and Historian for Phi Eta Sigma; and

WHEREAS, ever vigilant in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding, Ms. Johnson attended the prestigious Foundations of Democracy seminar at George Mason's Institute for Humane Studies at Bryn Mawr College; following her graduation on May 12, 2006, she will

pursue post-graduate work at George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management; and

WHEREAS, proving a far-reaching concern for her community and her fellow man, Michelle Johnson has volunteered her time and energies to several civic-minded organizations, including the American Heart Association, the Columbus Home for Children, Ijams River Rescue, Race for the Cure, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the March of Dimes, and the College Republicans; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Michelle Johnson brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, voted by her peers as the "Biggest Republican," she served in a dynamic role as the Campaign Manager for speaker hopeful C. Seth Sumner during Mock Session, during which she also successfully fought for the passage of her own thoughtfully-crafted mock legislation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Ms. Johnson has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Johnson has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Michelle Johnson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Gene Davidson, Stratton Bone, and Butch Borchert and the entirety of the House Agriculture Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.